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Dredging operations could pose hazard for swimmers

BUFFALO, NY – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District is conducting dredging and disposal operations in Little Sodus Bay Harbor that could pose a shallow water hazard for inattentive swimmers who are using the east pier for a diving platform.

The Corps has placed equipment on the north end of the east pier, and has erected temporary barricades on the pier to discourage passive recreation in the immediate area while dredging is being performed. The dredging operation is expected to remove an estimated 30,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the federal navigation channel and place the material in the designated nearshore site located immediately east of the east pier. Operations are expected to last approximately three weeks.

Since dredging began, Corps officials noticed several people jumping off the pier and

swimming immediately east of the structure. The officials' concern is that dredging and placement operations may significantly decrease the depth of the water immediately east of the pier; the same location that visitors of Fair Haven State Park use for swimming and recreation. Buffalo District officials emphasize that the east pier is a navigation structure and not intended for swimming or diving, and these types of activities in this area are not safe.